GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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BHIRADI-DELHI-AHMEDABAD RAILWAY LINE INTO BROADGAUGE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is important to join Bhiradi-Delhi-Ahmedabad with a broad-gauge line to promote industry in these areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Railways have asked the State Governments to bear the cost of this project themselves;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Railways are going to approve this project in view of its importance; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (f): A survey for construction of a new broad gauge line between Rewari-Bhiwadi was completed in 2003-04. As per the survey report, the cost of construction of 24.87 kms long line had been assessed as Rs.105.04 crore with a Rate of Return as (-) 8.56%. The State Government of Rajasthan expressed their willingness to take up this project under National Capital Region Plan and Assistance to the State for Infrastructure Development for Export and Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme. The matter was referred to the State Government for bearing the cost of the project but there was no positive response in this regard. In view of this, the proposed new line was not taken up due to its unremunerative nature and constraint of resources.